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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ABOUT A TOXIC SUBSTANCE

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1. PAYZONE 50 HAS NEVER BEEN APPROVED AS A NEW ANIMAL DRUG FOR MARKETING IN THE US OR FOR EXPORT. THE PETITIONING COMPANY, AMERICAN CYANAMID, HAS NOT PURSUED THEIR APPLICATION FOR NEW ANIMAL DRUG APPROVAL SINCE 1970.

2. SDA INDICATED TO AMERICAN CYANAMID THAT IT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF NITROFURAN (NOT NITROVIN) AS AN INGREDIENT OF PAYZONE 50. THIS COMPOUND CONTAINS

A CYCLIC MOLECULAR STRUCTURE WHICH IS KNOWN TO INDUCE CARCINOGENESIS IN ANIMALS WHEN PRESENT IN OTHER CHEMICAL CONFIGURATIONS. AMERICAN CYANAMID WAS NEVER ABLE TO SHOW CONCLUSIVELY THAT NITROFURAN WAS NOT A CARCINOGEN, BASED ON ITS STRUCTURAL SIMILARITIES WITH KNOWN CARCINOGENS.

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3. USDA UNDERSTANDS THAT PAYZONE 50 IS REGISTERED IN EUROPE. THE INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR PAYZONE 50, AS CITED IN REFTEL, WOULD NOT BE EMANATING FROM PRODUCTION FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE US.

4. ANY POULTRY PRODUCT IN THE US KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN

EXPOSED TO PAYZONE 50 WOULD BE CONSIDERED ADULTERATED
BY THE USDA AND SUBJECT TO SEIZURE. VANCE

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